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Ms. Lisa Simpson, Reports Analyst  
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Federal Election Commission  
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Dear Ms. Simpson:

This letter is in response to your letter of March 28, 2000 regarding the use by our committee of the term "best efforts" in relation to obtaining occupation and employer information. We have always used "best efforts" and have so informed you for contributions missing any contributor information.

We have reviewed 11 CFR Section 104.7 cited by you and find no requirement for a detailed description of best efforts procedures to be submitted to you for each election cycle. Please inform us and all candidates, officeholders and committees in writing of this requirement or where this requirement is enumerated as law.

For your records, our "best efforts" for this election cycle consist of the following: our committee first attempts to get a phone number for the contributor, then to call that number and either talk to a person or leave a message. If this procedure fails to get the needed information, it is followed by a letter to the contributor requesting the missing information with a postage paid return envelope provided. Unfortunately, in most cases the contributions for which Ms. Waters is missing information are from out of state and were raised for her by other people leaving us in the dark as to whom to contact.

Sincerely,



David L. Gould, Treasurer  
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